

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2583**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hall**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Section 13003 to the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2583, as introduced, Hall. Water quality: treatment chemicals.

Existing law declares that activities and factors that may affect the quality of the waters of the state shall be regulated to attain the highest water quality that is reasonable, considering all demands being made and to be made on those waters and the total values involved, beneficial and detrimental, economic and social, tangible and intangible.

This bill would require water agencies, as defined, and their direct suppliers, in order to mitigate the potential catastrophic harm involved in the unintended and intentional releases of hazardous substances that are in transit, to utilize raw material chemical products derived from Inherently Safer Technology or inherently safer production measures where the products derived from safer measures or technology are appropriate, given the disinfection methodology used by the water agency, and commercially available without being materially cost prohibitive to the water utilities or rate payers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 13003 is added to the Water Code, to  
2 read:  
3     13003. Water agencies, as defined in Section 12970, and their  
4 direct suppliers shall, in order to mitigate the potential catastrophic  
5 harm involved in the unintended and intentional releases of  
6 hazardous substances as they are transported for use as raw  
7 materials by the water agencies and their direct suppliers, utilize  
8 raw material chemical products derived from Inherently Safer  
9 Technology or inherently safer production measures where the  
10 products derived from safer measures or technology are appropriate  
11 given the disinfection methodology used by the water agency, and  
12 are commercially available without being materially cost  
13 prohibitive to the water utilities or rate payers.

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